

How we use your personal data for the NHS Scotland Covid Status App

We have created this page to ensure we are fully open and transparent with you when using your data, and to ensure you know what are your rights about your data.

More information can be found [here](#).

If you need help

If you are having difficulties understanding what this document says, you should talk to your parent, guardian or an adult you trust. You can also call the dedicated free **COVID-19 helpline on 0808 196 8565**.



Who are we?



We are [The Scottish Government](#) and [NHS Scotland](#). We are responsible for the personal data for your Covid Vaccine.



You can find more about the areas of the Government and the NHS that are involved [here](#).

What is the Covid Status App and Covid Certificate and where can it be requested:

The NHS Scotland Covid Status App holds a record of your COVID-19 vaccinations, which you can show when travelling internationally (outside the UK), through unique QR codes.



The data held in the QR Codes is about you and includes the Vaccinations you have had, location of vaccine, batch number and your full name and address.

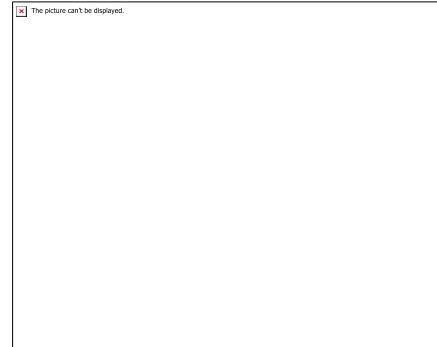
When QR codes are scanned, they don't show your address. Only your name and information about your COVID vaccines.



What personal information are we using?

We use the minimum amount of personal data we need from you to administer your vaccination safely and provide your Covid Certification for international travel. This information includes:

- Your name, gender, age, date of birth and address
- Your unique NHS Scotland CHI number
- Details of the vaccine given to you
- Your Vaccination Status Certificate
- To confirm your identity when first using the App, we use either a Passport or Driver's License to determine it is you. More information can be found [here](#).



You can read more about the data we collect, use, store and share across the NHS [here](#).

Is this Legal?

Yes, it is.

We have a legal obligation to protect the health of the people in Scotland with the COVID-19 vaccines playing a key role in helping us do this.



When you register for your vaccine, the law requires us to ask for your permission to use your email and your contactable phone number.

We are also allowed to use information about the number of vaccines given in Scotland and other anonymous statistics for public understanding. These statistics are always provided in non-patient identifiable form.

If you want to find out more about our legal grounds, please follow this [link](#).

Who else helps us?

We also share information about you with some organisations who are helping us roll out the NHS Scotland Covid Status App.

We use Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft Azure to provide IT systems that we use to manage and support the function of the App.

We use Royal Mail to send communications to you, such as your vaccination appointment letters and Covid Certificate.

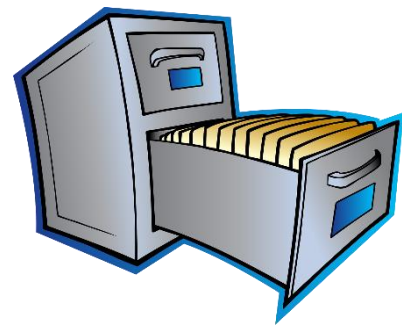


If you are travelling abroad, you will have to share your data with border control agencies. When you do this, they become the owners of your data which you have supplied.

To provide your certification, your information is always Controlled by the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland. These organisations will never use your data or hold your data for any other reason than to support public organisation functions. You can find more information [here](#).

How long do we keep your information?

We don't keep your personal data for any longer than we need to. Most of the data about you and your vaccination record will be kept for your lifetime within your health record and for 3 years after death.



Personal data held outside of your health record, is deleted according to our retention schedules. These can be found in the main privacy notice [here](#).

How do we look after your information?

We have experts in the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland that help us make sure the information we hold about you is secure and protected.

The [Information Commissioners Office](#) (ICO) have been assured on how we use your data (The UK wide independent regulator that ensure personal information is only used according to the law), helping us ensure that our systems and processes are secure and abide by the law.

Where does my information go?

Your personal information for you COVID-19 vaccination status stays In the European Union. The EU follows strict Data Protection rules under EU GDPR, the same as our own UK GDPR.

Your health record will never leave your GP, Health Board or Scotland.

When we process your picture when first using the App, we do so through a company called Jumio. If their service does not recognise the user in the first

instance, a real human will check to ensure it is the correct person. More information on this process can be found [here](#).

What rights do you have?

You have [rights you can exercise around your personal information](#), which we need to comply with. The UK wide regulator, the ICO, keep in regular contact to ensure your data is being used the right and lawful way.

[Further information about your data protection rights and how to exercise them.](#)



Changes to this Privacy Notice

If we change the way **we** use your personal information, we will update this document and you will be able to see it anytime on the NHS Inform website.

You can also read more about [transparency and ethics](#) within the COVID-19 Vaccination.

